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DJ Mama Cutsworth spins for families

Local DJ Mama Cutsworth is spinning her usual tunes at a bar this week — except this time, kids are allowed to enjoy some grown-up fun. Story, page 4. HANDOUT

Volunteers to drag Red River

ABORIGINAL WOMEN

Search for bodies of missing and murdered

Volunteers plan to dredge the Red River again this year, hoping to find anything that will bring closure to the families of missing and murdered aboriginal women.

Bernadette Smith, whose sister Claudette Osborne went missing seven years ago, spearheaded the search last year after the body of 15-year-old Tina Fontaine was found in the river wrapped in a bag.

Volunteers went out on boats with hooks that combed the bottom of the river that flows through Winnipeg, hoping to dig up clues about women who have vanished.

This year, Smith said the operation is more sophisticated. The dragging bars are better made and Smith has bought a boat with her own money.

The group is also raising funds for another boat and rain gear through a GoFundMe webpage.

But the intent is the same — to get answers for the loved ones of those who have gone missing or been murdered. Last year, Smith said seven bodies were pulled from the water.

"That's the highest ever in a year — four while we were dragging," Smith said.

"We weren't the ones that pulled the bodies out but we felt like our dragging efforts had something to do with those bodies being dislodged and those loved ones being brought home."

Getting out on the river gives many a sense of purpose and community, she said. It shows

that the lives of the estimated 1,200 missing and murdered aboriginal women have meaning.

"It's very empowering to be doing this kind of work," she said. "It's getting people up off the couch to say I can make a difference."

The group wants Winnipeg police to do more than just monitor the volunteers from a boat and actually join in the search. So far, police have declined, saying only that they will support the group "from a safety standpoint."

Smith said they will continue going out on the river every year for as long as it takes, with or without the police.

"We know that Tina Fontaine's body wasn't the first one found in the river," Smith said.

"We don't know how many are in there. We're going to continue as long as we can."



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IN BRIEF

Taxi driver turns guardian angel for spectre lost in the cold

A cab driver who rescued a three-year-old boy who wandered away from home in the middle of the night says at first he thought he was seeing a ghost.

Muhammad Azam says it was about 4 a.m. Thursday when he saw the child wandering in the street wearing nothing but a diaper.

He says he looked around to see if there was an adult nearby, and when he realized there wasn't, he pulled over, asked the boy if he was all right and then wrapped him up in a jacket to keep him warm.

The toddler pointed toward the area where he lived but seemed confused. Azam called police, who returned the child to his home just half a block away.

Azam, who has four children of his own, doesn't know who the family is but has a feeling the boy was just sleep walking and got out while his family slept.

Police say the home was checked and found to be a fit and stable environment.

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Driver apologizes for death of teens ahead of her sentencing

A young woman is apologizing for a crash that killed two Winnipeg teens and injured three others.

The driver, who was 17 at the time of 2010 crash, stood up in court Thursday at her sentencing hearing and tearfully said she was truly sorry for what she had done.

She pleaded guilty last fall to criminal negligence causing death and criminal negligence causing bodily harm.

Court had heard the driver had alcohol in her system and was speeding and texting at the time of the crash.

Friends and family of 17-year-old Amutha Subramaniam and 19-year-old Senhit Mehari gave victim impact statements during the two-day hearing.

Crown prosecutors want the now-22-year-old woman to be sentenced as an adult and go to jail for five years, while her lawyer has asked for no jail time. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shelly Glover leaving politics for policing

CABINET

Minister and local MP to say goodbye along with Paradis

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is losing two more cabinet ministers, who announced on Friday that they're not going to run in the federal election that is scheduled for this coming fall.

International Development Minister Christian Paradis and Heritage Minister Shelly Glover picked the holiday weekend to make low-key

announcements that they won't seek re-election.

Paradis said in a statement on his website that the decision was personal.

"After almost a decade of my being on the public stage, it's time for me to pass on the torch and move on serenely to write a new chapter in our lives," he said.

Glover cited family reasons as the main factor behind her decision to not run again. In a statement she said she'll be returning to her career as a police officer.

"I took a break from policing to become a legislator and am proud to have been part of a government that



Shelly Glover.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO FILE

passed over thirty crime and justice bills," she said.

A source in the Prime Minister's Office said both

ministers will stay in their cabinet jobs until the election and there were no immediate plans for a cabinet shuffle.

University of Toronto political-science professor Nelson Wiseman says the Conservative party is likely canvassing its members ahead of the election to avoid last-minute surprises.

He says he doesn't believe the departures will hurt the Conservative party's chances come fall.

"These are not major cabinet portfolios. These are not major ministers," he said, adding that Paradis in particular has "not exactly been a shining light."

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The Liberals have been targeting Glover's Winnipeg riding and have expressed high hopes of stealing it from the Conservatives.

Glover was first elected to the House of Commons in 2008.

Last fall, the federal ethics commissioner cleared Glover of breaching the conflict-of-interest law in connection with a fundraiser earlier in the year.

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CHARITY HUNDREDS COME OUT FOR EASTER BREAKFAST Agape Table volunteer Morgan Shipley at the non-profit's Easter breakfast. The meal included a choice of ham or turkey, bacon and cheese mashed potatoes, baby carrots and pudding. As many as 400 people were expected, and each left with a gift. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Gay couple denied daycare

LGBT RIGHTS

Parents of 10-month-old receive letter from operator

Manitoba's attorney general says he is outraged by allegations a lesbian couple was denied a Winnipeg daycare spot for their baby girl because of their sexual orientation.

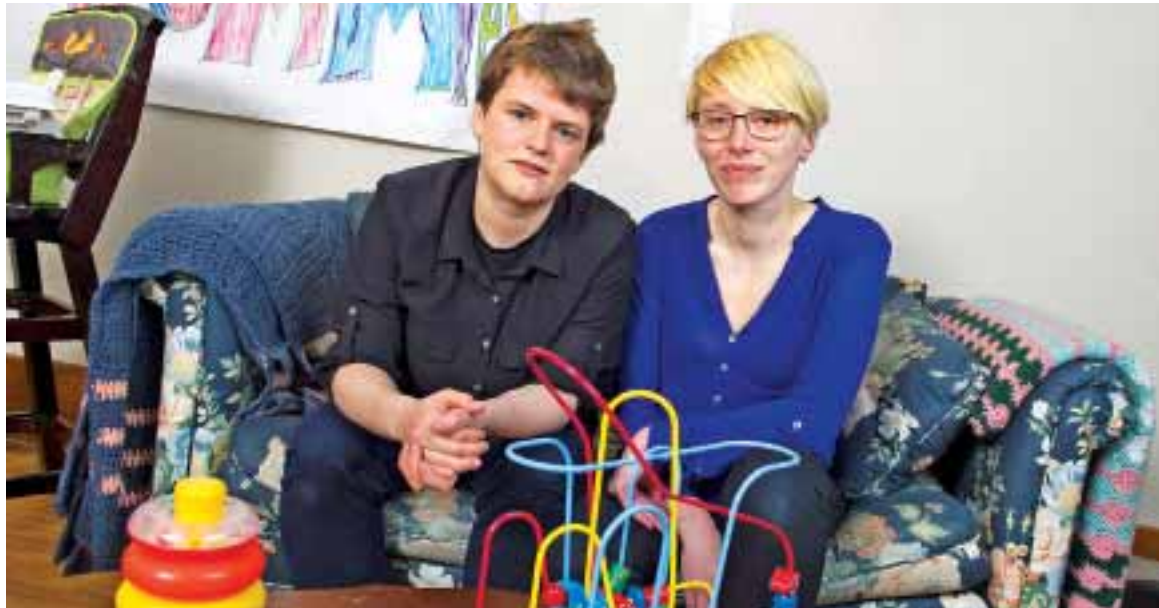
James Allum said no one in this day and age should be denied service on such grounds.

"I'm outraged that anyone would be denied access to child care on the basis of discrimination based on sexual orientation," he said Thursday. "That's simply outrageous. It's as simple as that."

Agata Durkalec and her partner, Kate Taylor, say they are filing a human rights complaint after they say they were denied a Winnipeg daycare spot for their baby girl because of their sexual orientation.

The couple moved to Winnipeg from Ontario recently and began looking for a daycare for their 10-month-old daughter.

They thought they were in luck when they found an opening at a home daycare, but allege the daycare operator withdrew the offer in writing when she found out they



Kate Taylor and Agata Durkalec say they encountered discrimination while searching for daycare. DAVID LIPNOWSKI/CANADIAN PRESS

are lesbians.

"My heart goes out to both of you but I know where my families stand on the subject, therefore it would not be a good fit," the woman allegedly wrote to Durkalec.

"I hope everything works out for you and your family."

The Canadian Press was unable to reach the daycare operator for comment.



They should be held to the same human rights standards as anyone else.

Agata Durkalec

Durkalec said she was stunned. It would be illegal for a hair salon to deny service based on sexual orientation and an unlicensed home daycare should be no different, she said.

"This is a much more critical service, providing child care," she said. "They should be held to the same human rights standards as anyone else."

The couple picked up papers

from the Manitoba Human Rights Commission and will be filing a complaint, Durkalec said.

Although they are no longer interested in putting their daughter in the home daycare, Durkalec said it should be made clear that any discrimination based on sexual orientation is wrong.

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ASSAULT

Police arrest boy, 15, in attack

Police have charged a 15-year-old boy in an attack that left a teen girl under the care of Manitoba Child and Family Services in critical condition, shining a spotlight again on the troubled child welfare system.

Just a day after the girl was found seriously assaulted and left for dead in downtown Winnipeg, police say they have a youth in custody who faces charges of aggravated assault and aggravated sexual assault.

At the time of the attack, Const. Chris Wingfield said the girl and the boy were in foster care and were being housed in the same downtown hotel. The two knew each other and the boy was actually the one who initially reported the assault to police, Wingfield said.

"The accused in this matter is the person we originally reported as the passerby who flagged over a passing police cruiser," Wingfield said.

"This person was taken in as a witness originally. Investigators were speaking with him and were concerned that the story wasn't making sense."

The attack prompted a tearful Family Services Minister Kerri Irvin-Ross to promise to stop housing foster children in hotels by June 1.

Manitoba has about 10,000 children in care. The vast majority are aboriginal. On any given day, dozens of those children are put up in hotels because there isn't room in a foster or group home.

Grand Chief Derek Nepinak, with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, said the problem goes beyond hotels.

The current child welfare system, he maintains, creates a "culture of survival."

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DOG CHOW

Manitoba pet rescue facility seeks food donations



Bernice Pontanilla
Metro | Winnipeg

A Manitoba pet rescue needs chow for its little bow-wows.

Jessica Hansen, executive director of Manitoba Underdogs Rescue, said the 29 dogs

and six newborn kittens in their care desperately need dog food donations.

"Underdogs relies on quality food donations to keep our rescue animals healthy," said Hansen in a news release sent out on Thursday.

Hansen said that while cash donations are always

welcome, the pet rescue puts that money aside for medical bills and medications.

"Obviously monetary donations are critical to our daily operations, but these funds are typically reserved to pay medical bills and purchase necessary medications," said Hansen.

"Food donations allow us to take on special medical and behavioural cases like Percy or Kit, by maximizing monetary donations for our bills."

Sunova Credit Union has stepped in to help Manitoba Underdogs Rescue by accepting food donations at

any of their 11 branches during the month of April.

In Winnipeg, donations will be accepted at The Dog Loft, located at 245 Marion St.

The rescue has a full listing of their preferred food brands at www.manitobaunderdogs.org/barkbank.

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DJ Mama Cutsworth says the dance party is a great way to socialize and have a good time with your kids. CONTRIBUTED

From nap time to a nightclub

COMMUNITY

DJ hosting family-friendly dance party



Shane Gibson
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She's used to spinning records in front of young and energetic crowds, but Mama Cutsworth has never played a crowd as young or energetic as she will next weekend.

That's because no one's checking IDs at the door for Mama Cutsworth's Family Dance Party, a party she's throwing at the Good Will Social Club next Sunday afternoon for young children and their parents.

"I have so many friends who have little kids now and aren't able to come

out dancing to my typical things that I play," said the Winnipeg DJ, also known as Sarah Michaelson. "So it's nice to give folks like that — who still love really good music and socializing — the chance to come out and have a good time with their kids."

"It's a dance party for families in more of a nightclub setting rather than like at a community club or a daycare."

On her website, Michaelson is promising kids "music your moms and dads will enjoy" with a set list including Prince, Elvis Costello, The Go-Gos and Stevie Wonder, "all played at reasonable volume levels that won't damage your precious ear drums."

"I make sure all the lyrics are kid-appropriate ... but otherwise it's the same kind of music that I always play," said Michaelson. "Really it's

"I make sure all the lyrics are kid-appropriate ... but otherwise it's the same kind of music that I always play."

Mama Cutsworth

about music that I think is really great and exposing kids to it and have them share it with their parents."

And it's not just music, Michaelson is completing the afternoon nightclub feel with a non-alcoholic drink menu for kids — including Jell-O shots made with just Jell-O — and a valet for strollers. Don't worry, there are also stronger drinks for parents.

The show runs 1 to 5 p.m. April 12 and tickets are \$5 per person, but cover is free for babes in arms.

IN BRIEF

AC/DC to make a stop in Winnipeg in September

Investors Group Field is on the list of places AC/DC will shake all night long this year.

The Australian rockers will bring their Rock or Bust World Tour to Winnipeg Sept. 17. Tickets are \$75 and \$125 and they go on sale April 10 at 10 a.m. through livenation.com.

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Five taken to hospital after bus hits SUV

Five people were hurt after a City of Winnipeg Transit bus smashed into an SUV this past weekend.

It happened 3:45 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of Kenaston Boulevard and Taylor Avenue.

Police said three people on the bus, including the driver, were hurt, and two people in the SUV were also taken to hospital.

The driver of the SUV suffered serious injuries.

The investigation shows that the bus, heading southbound on Kenaston Boulevard, crashed into the SUV.

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Canadian's arrest, torture topic of CIA debate: Ex-spy

Whistleblower says colleagues were sure Maher Arar was innocent

A former spy has described the debate within the CIA over the arrest, rendition and torture of Canadian Maher Arar, saying multiple colleagues warned against it because they were convinced they were punishing an innocent man.

The account from former CIA officer John Kiriakou sheds new light on decade-old events that caused a public inquiry in Canada, a \$10-million payout from the federal government, and unsuccessful lawsuits in the U.S.

It's a rare peek into discussions within the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency — whose role in the 2002-03 events has never been publicly examined, having remained off-limits in Canada's inquiry.

It came during an interview at the former spy's Virginia home, where he described how he went from being the head of counterterrorism operations in Pakistan after 9/11, to becoming the first CIA employee to publicly question the use of torture, to eventually spending two years in jail



Jailed for leaks

Kiriakou just spent two years in prison for leaking agent details to the media — though he insists the government punished him for blowing the whistle on torture.



Maher Arar listens to a question at a news conference in Ottawa on Dec. 12, 2006. Arar, a Syrian-born Canadian, was detained in New York in September 2002 and shipped overseas — winding up in a dungeon-like Damascus prison cell. TOM HANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

for leaking agency secrets.

During that interview, Kiriakou declined to discuss whether he had interacted with Canada's spy services — because, he said, revealing details about a foreign partner remains a cardinal sin in the world of espionage.

But he added: "We can talk about Maher Arar."

Kiriakou expressed disgust with his country's role in sending the engineer to be tortured in his native Syria, and with its continuing failure to issue an apology like Canada has.

He described a dynamic within the agency in which one mid-to-high-level officer ignored repeated objections from her



It's not too late for accountability here. It would be nice, at least, to do some naming and shaming.

Maria LaHood, Maher Arar's U.S. lawyer

subordinates, and insisted on pushing ahead.

"I can tell you that a lot of people inside the CIA objected to this," Kiriakou said.

"(They said), 'This is the wrong guy. He hasn't done anything.'"

Arar was grabbed during a New York airport layover and flown to a notorious Syrian prison. He has described a year-long ordeal that included being beaten and stuffed into a body-sized slot

in a windowless dungeon. Arar likened it to being buried alive.

At the time, Kiriakou was a branch chief within the CIA's Counterterrorism Center.

While he won't discuss the branch name, he says it fell under the broader Osama bin Laden unit and the Arar file was being handled by another branch within the centre.

He says an officer, one level above branch chief, was deter-

mined to make the arrest.

"I remember hearing some of the conversations — that, 'This is the wrong guy, this is a mistake.' And then one officer in particular (was) saying, 'No, this is not the wrong guy. We're going to take him.'"

"She was certain that we had the right guy. That Maher Arar was an al-Qaida whatever-he-was — a facilitator, or whatever — and we were moving forward with it."

He wouldn't identify the officer. Kiriakou referred only vaguely to her general status within the agency. He also made a fleeting reference to a Hollywood hit: "As you may have seen in the movie Zero Dark Thirty, there were certain people inside the CIA who insisted on pushing forward."

He refused to say whether she was the officer who inspired that movie's main character — who was named in some media reports, and was linked in the Senate's torture study to the wrongful rendition of another innocent man, Khaled el-Masri. The CIA declined to comment for this story. So did Arar, although his U.S. lawyer says it's about time these details emerged.

"Nothing has ever come out here about the CIA involvement," said Maria LaHood. "He's never received an apology from the United States ... His name continues to be smeared. As far as we know, he's still on a watch list."

Another advocate for Arar said the same is true for Canada.

Canadians who passed on information to the CIA continued law-enforcement careers and got promotions, said Kerry Pitner, who wrote a book about the rendition of Arar and three other Canadians. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CSIS

Forum created on 'terrorist travel'

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service has set up a "multilateral forum of trusted partners" to share information on suspected extremists travelling abroad — a group that extends beyond its customary Five Eyes spy network, a newly released memo says.

In the memo — CSIS Response: Addressing the Terrorist Travel Threat — Canada's spy agency also flags a concern about the challenges it faces in going further to build relationships with "non-traditional partners."

The September CSIS memo evokes the kind of information-sharing that led to the overseas torture of four Arab-Canadians following the 9/11 attacks, said Alex Neve, secretary general of Amnesty International Canada.

"The very term 'terrorist travel' is uncertain and loaded," Neve said. "Who, exactly, would be covered?"

The memo was drafted before a jihadi-inspired gunman fatally shot a soldier at the National War Memorial and stormed Parliament Hill last October. Those events prompted introduction of sweeping new security legislation to crack down on homegrown extremists, including those intent on heading abroad to join foreign battles. The government brought in a bill to give CSIS more latitude to obtain a court-ordered warrant authorizing security investigations in other countries. CSIS fears extremists who head to Syria or Iraq may return to wage attacks.

The traveller phenomenon is a "priority collection" requirement for the spy service, the memo says.

A heavily censored copy of the five-page, top-secret memo was obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Dad, son wage citizenship battle

POLITICS

Rule changes make one boy Canadian, but not the other

Paul Compton has done exactly what the federal government recommended to get his son recognized as a Canadian citizen, but his problems have yet to be solved.

For the past five years the Ontario native has been corresponding with public servants, appealing to politicians and even relocated his family in a bid to rectify what he views as an unjust and precarious situation. Now, he's demanding action.

"They've been able to take away the rights of citizenship to my son," Compton said. "I will not allow the Canadian government to do this."

The 45-year-old and his family have found themselves ensnared in a set of regulatory changes made to the Citizenship Act in 2009, which limits the ability to pass on Canadian citizenship to only the first generation of a family born abroad.

At the root of their problems is the fact that Compton was born in Scotland, where his parents were living while in university. He was brought to Canada when he was five months old and lived in the country until his early 30s.

A teacher by profession, Compton then got a job at an international school and moved to Lima, where he met his Peruvian wife.

His first son was born in Peru and automatically became a Canadian citizen.

His second son, however, was born just months after the new rules came into effect. The change meant that five-year-old Mateo is not a Canadian, even though his older brother is.

The new rules were part of legislation which solved the problems of thousands whose citizenship had been taken away by outdated legal provisions.

At the same time, however, the government said they were protecting the value of Canadian statehood by ensuring citizenship couldn't be passed on from generation to generation of those living outside Canada.

Compton didn't even find out about the new rules until he tried to apply for a Canadian

“This could happen to any Canadian.”
Paul Compton

passport for his son in 2010 and was denied.

After trying to deal with the matter from Peru, Compton returned to Ontario with his family in February last year.

He and his older son entered the country as Canadians, but Mateo, for whom he had to obtain a Peruvian passport, and Compton's wife came in on visitor visas.

Once in the country, Compton applied for permanent residency for his son and his wife — an avenue the federal government recommended to gain citizenship for those affected by the new regulations — but after more than a year, the application is still being processed.

Compton is now asking that Mateo immediately be granted Canadian citizenship on humanitarian and compassionate grounds, and is also asking that his wife's application for permanent residency be expedited.

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Mateo Compton, 5, left, sits with his father Paul, brother Stephanoe, 8, and mother Paola Moscoso Castillo de Compton at their home in Ontario on Saturday. Mateo, born in Peru, was denied Canadian citizenship following changes in the Citizenship Act in 2009; his brother, born before the changes were enacted, received his citizenship at birth. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Walking a few miles in her daughter's shoes

Nicholas Hodge
For Metro | Ottawa

Like any nine-year-old girl, Charlie Lowthian-Rickert, is carefree, loves playing with Lego and having sleepovers with her friends, but her family worries that new legislation will put her safety and happiness at risk.

Charlie is transgender and a proposed amendment by Conservative Senator Don Plett to Bill C-279, known as the transgender rights bill, would bar trans people like her from choosing which bathroom they use in federal facilities. In protest, her mother, Anne Lowthian, swore to use public men's washrooms until the amendment is rejected.

"It is so difficult for me to walk

into a bathroom I don't belong in," said Lowthian, who kicked off her protest last week with about a dozen fellow mothers of transgender children.

Lowthian believes that the fear she feels in men's washrooms is the same fear trans people would experience every time they were forced to use a bathroom they don't feel comfortable in.

The movement was originally inspired by Brae Carnes, a transgender woman from Victoria who has been going into male bathrooms in protest of the amendment. Lowthian, along with other mothers of trans children, felt that they could do the same on behalf of their children.

"For me to walk a few miles in the shoes of my child, that's the least I can do," said Lowthian.



Ottawa-area family Anne Lowthian, left, daughter Charlie Lowthian-Rickert and Chris Rickert. NICHOLAS HODGE/FOR METRO

IN BRIEF

Ship freed after running aground

The ship that ran aground in the St. Lawrence Seaway near Beauharnois, Que., on Friday has been freed without incident.

A spokesman for Ocean, a marine services company, says it took two tugboats about 30 minutes to free the CWB Marquis late Friday. The Canadian-owned bulk carrier ran aground about 35 kilometres south of Montreal early Friday after hitting a large floe of ice. The spokesman said the grounding incident was minor and it was not difficult to free the vessel.

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Dog alerts family to get out of burning house

A fire official in Nova Scotia says a family's dog helped alert them to get out of a burning house Saturday night. Jason MacLeod with the Alma Fire Department says crews were called to a house fire in Mount William, near New Glasgow, around 11:20 p.m. and had the fire under control around midnight. He says because of the barking dog, along with the home's smoke detectors, everyone was able to escape safely.

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GERMANWINGS CRASH

Profile of co-pilot gets more troubling

The profile that has emerged of Germanwings co-pilot Andreas Lubitz has become more troubling by the day.

In the hours after Flight 9525 crashed in the French Alps two weeks ago, Lubitz was regarded as one of 150 victims in an unexplained disaster. Two days later he was the prime suspect of an unfathomable act.

By now, French and German prosecutors have little doubt that the 27-year-old intentionally slammed the Airbus A320 into a mountain, killing everyone on board, and there is growing evidence that his actions weren't just a split-second decision but the result of days of planning.

The revelations have raised questions about who knew what, when, and whether Lubitz could have been stopped.

Investigators have pieced together a picture of Lubitz by analyzing the voice and flight data recorders found at the crash site, searching his homes in Duesseldorf and Montabaur, and by interviewing friends, relatives, colleagues and doctors.

Medical records show that



Andreas Lubitz.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

before he received his pilot's licence, Lubitz suffered from depression, with doctors recording "suicidal tendencies." It forced him to take a break of several months from his pilot training.

In the months before the crash, Lubitz sought help from several doctors, including specialists at Duesseldorf's University Hospital. In the week leading up to the crash, Lubitz spent time online researching suicide methods and cockpit door security.

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MANCHESTER, U.K.

Two teenagers face terrorism charges

British police say a teenage boy and girl have been arrested on suspicion of preparing terrorist acts.

Greater Manchester Police said Sunday a 14-year-old boy and 16-year-old girl have been arrested following two separate police raids that took place Thursday and Friday. Police say they had warrants for both searches.

The two teens have not been named and both have been freed on bail until a May 28 court hearing.

The number of terrorism-related arrests in Britain has surged in recent months as an increasing number of Britons try to travel to Syria to link up with ISIS extremists there.

Separately, police are questioning six people arrested earlier Friday in the port city of Dover, which has extensive ferry service linking England to France.

Five men and one woman in their 20s were arrested in a departure lounge there Friday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

California governor defends drought order

Gov. Jerry Brown on Sunday defended his order requiring Californians statewide to cut back on their water use in a historic mandate that spares those who consume the most — farmers. As California endures a fourth year of drought, Brown's order this week requires towns and cities statewide to draw down water use by 25 per cent compared with 2013 levels. While past reductions were voluntary, Brown said he is using his emergency powers to make the cuts mandatory.

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Yemeni Sunni Islamist party says over 120 members abducted by Shiite rebels

Yemeni Shiite rebels, making an aggressive bid for power in the impoverished Gulf state, arrested more than a hundred members from a rival Islamist Sunni political party, including two leaders, the party said in a statement Sunday. The Islah party, the Muslim Brotherhood's branch in Yemen and a traditional power player in Yemen, had declared its support for the Saudi-led coalition bombing campaign against the rebels and their allies.

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Christian women and children are scanned with a metal detector and have their bags searched to prevent against possible attacks as they enter the compound of the Our Lady of Consolation Church, which was attacked with grenades by militants almost three years ago, in Garissa, Kenya Sunday. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gunman in Kenyan attack was official's son

EXTREMISM

Chief reported him missing, feared he'd gone to Somalia

One of the gunmen who slaughtered 148 people at a college in Kenya was identified Sunday as the law-school-educated son of a Kenyan government official, underscoring the inroads Islamic extremists have made in recruiting young people to carry out attacks against their own country.

Abdirahim Mohammed Abdul-

lahi, who was killed by security forces Thursday along with the three other militants who stormed Garissa University College, was the son of a government chief in Mandera County, which borders Somalia, Interior Ministry spokesman Mwenda Njoka told The Associated Press.

The chief had reported his son missing last year and feared he had gone to Somalia, Njoka said.

Somalia's al-Shabab militant group claimed responsibility for the bloodbath, saying it was retribution for Kenya's sending of troops to Somalia to fight the extremists.

The attackers separated Christian students from Muslim ones

and massacred the Christians.

The news that one of the gunmen was Kenyan highlights the challenges faced by the government in preventing terrorist attacks. The danger comes not only from neighbouring Somalia but also from within Kenya.

Kenyans make up the largest number of foreign fighters in al-Shabab, according to experts. Hundreds of Kenyan youths have trained with al-Shabab and then returned to Kenya, posing a major security threat, according to former police chief Mathew Iteere.

Kenya's government has said another source of instability is the country's refugee camps,

with more than 423,000 Somali refugees.

Abdullahi graduated from the University of Nairobi with a law degree in 2013 and was seen as a "brilliant upcoming lawyer," according to Njoka.

Njoka said it is important for parents to inform authorities if their children disappear or seem to be embracing extremism.

Meanwhile, questions have been raised about the security response to the Garissa attack.

Police waited seven hours before sending a special tactical unit into the college to fight the gunmen, Kenya's Daily Nation newspaper reported Sunday.

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U.S. SURVEY

More whites approve use of police force

White people in the United States approve of police officers hitting people in far greater numbers than black people and Hispanics do, a striking difference at a time when the U.S. is struggling to deal with police use of deadly force against minorities, according to a major American trend survey.

Seven of 10 whites polled, or 70 per cent, said they can imagine a situation in which they would approve of a police officer striking an adult male citizen, according to the 2014 General Social Survey, a long-running measurement of

trends in American opinions. When asked the same question, just 42 per cent of blacks and 38 per cent of Hispanics said they could.

These results come as Americans grapple with trust between law enforcement and minority communities after a series of incidents, including the deaths of unarmed black men in Ferguson, Missouri, and New York City. Thousands of people protested in the streets last year after the deaths of 18-year-old Michael Brown and 43-year-old Eric Garner, who gasped "I can't breathe" as po-

lice arrested him for allegedly selling loose, untaxed cigarettes.

The survey shows the gap between whites, blacks and Hispanics long predates those deaths.

The poll results don't surprise experts on American attitudes toward police, who say experiences and history with law enforcement shape opinions about the use of violence by officers.

"Whites are significantly more likely to give police officers the benefit of the doubt, either because they have never had an altercation with a police

officer or because they tend to see the police as allies in the fight against crime," said Ronald Weitzer, a George Washington University sociology professor who has studied race and policing in the U.S. and internationally.

However, blacks and Hispanics "are more cautious on this issue because of their personal experiences and/or the historical treatment their groups have experienced at the hands of the police, which is only recapitulated in recent disputed killings," he said.

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The Urbi et Orbi blessing (to the city and to the world) is issued by Pope Francis at the end of the Easter Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pope delivers Easter peace wish

VATICAN CITY

Francis chides international silence after Kenya killings

In an Easter peace wish, Pope Francis on Sunday praised the framework nuclear agreement with Iran as an opportunity to make the world safer, while expressing deep worry about bloodshed in Libya, Yemen,

Syria, Iraq, Nigeria and elsewhere in Africa.

Cautious hope ran through Francis' Urbi et Orbi Easter message, a kind of papal commentary on the state of the world's affairs, which he delivered from the central balcony of St. Peter's Square.

He had just celebrated Mass in rain-whipped St. Peter's Square for tens of thousands of people, who huddled under umbrellas or braved the down-pour in thin, plastic rain-slickers.

Easter day is "so beautiful, and so ugly because of the rain," Francis said after Mass about Christianity's most important feast day. He expressed thanks for the flowers which bedecked the square and which were donated by the Netherlands, but the bright hues of the azaleas and other blossoms seemed muted by the grey skies.

Francis made his first public comments about the recent framework for an accord, reached in Lausanne, Switzer-

land, and aimed at ensuring Iran doesn't develop a nuclear weapon.

"In hope we entrust to the merciful Lord the framework recently agreed to in Lausanne, that it may be a definitive step toward a more secure and fraternal world."

Decrying the plentitude of weapons in the world in general, Francis said: "And we ask for peace for this world subjected to arms dealers, who earn their living with the blood of men and women."

He denounced "absurd bloodshed and all barbarous acts of violence" in Libya, convulsed by fighting fueled by tribal and militia rivalries. He hoped "a common desire for peace" would prevail in Yemen, wracked by civil warfare.

Francis prayed that the "roar of arms may cease" in Syria and Iraq, and that peace would come in Africa for Nigeria, South Sudan, Sudan and Congo.

He recalled the young people, many of them targeted

because they were Christians, killed last week in a Kenyan university, and lamented kidnappings, by Islamic extremists, that have plagued parts of Africa, including Nigeria.

On Good Friday, Francis chastised the international community for what he called the complicit silence about the killing of Christians. On Easter he prayed that God would alleviate "the suffering of so many of our brothers persecuted because of his name."

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(18+ event - no minors)
HOSTS: Jordan Webwood
HEADLINER: Mike MacDonald

WCF THEATRE SERIES - "HA!"

Starring Wes Borg
Gas Station Arts Centre
8pm - TICKETS: \$15
WRITTEN BY:
Wes Borg & Chris Craddock
DIRECTED BY: J. McLaughlin

WCF THE UPPER DECK

King's Head Pub
10pm - TICKETS: \$30
(18+ event - no minors)
HOSTS: Dan Verville
PERFORMERS: Amber Daniels,
Dan Glasswick,
Paul Rahlbuskas, Wes Borg

TUESDAY, APRIL 7th

HIGH SCHOOL SUPER IMPROV SHOW

Gas Station Arts Centre
7pm - TICKETS: \$5
HOSTS: Stephen Sim and
Caitlin Curtis

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Rumor's Comedy Club
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HEADLINER: Pete Johansson

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King's Head Pub
10pm - TICKETS: \$30
(18+ event - no minors)
HOSTS: Ben Walker
PERFORMERS: Andy Noble,
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Fusion Grill
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HOSTS: Big Daddy Tazz
PERFORMERS: Matt Fulk,
Melanie Dahlberg, Dan Verville,
Abba Alfa, Jared Story, Jordan
Webwood, Jon Ljungberg

WCF THEATRE SERIES - OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW BETTER

Starring John Wing
Gas Station Arts Centre
8pm - TICKETS: \$20
OPENING ACT: Wes Borg

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Rumor's Comedy Club
8pm - TICKETS: \$12
(18+ event - no minors)
HOST: Mark Forward
PERFORMERS: Sean Emery,
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King's Head Pub
10pm - TICKETS: \$10
(18+ event - no minors)
HOST: Bruce Clark
PERFORMERS: Sean Emery,
Abba Alfa, Cara Lytwyn, Jon
Ljungberg, Pete Johansson

THURSDAY, APRIL 9th

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THURSDAY GALA

Pantages Playhouse Theatre
7:45pm - TICKETS: \$35
THEME: Rest and Relaxation
HOSTS: Jerry Hatz
PERFORMERS: Mark Forward,
Ivan Decker, Tanyalee Davis, Tim
Rahnen, Editha Nasonopoulos,
Sterling Scott, Abba Alfa,
John Wing

WCF RUMOR'S COMEDY CLUB SERIES

Rumor's Comedy Club
8pm - TICKETS: \$12
(18+ event - no minors)
HOST: Ben Walker
HEADLINER: David Pryde

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Wes Borg
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10:30pm - TICKETS: \$18

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10:30pm - TICKETS: \$22
(18+ event - no minors)
HOST: Shannon Laverty
PERFORMERS: Erica Sigurdson,
Tim Nutt, Pete Johansson, Tyler
Morrison, Derek Seguin, Darcy
Michael, Chris Makowsky

FRIDAY, APRIL 10th

MANITOBA LIQUOR & LOTTERIES PRESENT

FRIDAY EARLY GALA

Pantages Playhouse Theatre
6:45pm - TICKETS: \$35
THEME: Fish Out of Water
HOSTS: Ryan Belleville
PERFORMERS: Darryl Orr,
Danish Amwar, Caitlin Langehe,
Derek Edwards, Sean Emery,
Rebecca Kohler, Tyler Penner

WCF THEATRE SERIES - "HA!"

Starring Wes Borg
Gas Station Arts Centre
7:30pm - TICKETS: \$18

WCF RUMOR'S COMEDY CLUB SERIES

Rumor's Comedy Club
7:45pm - TICKETS: \$15
(18+ event - no minors)
HOSTS: Dan Verville
HEADLINER: Sterling Scott

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MANITOBA LIQUOR & LOTTERIES PRESENT

FRIDAY LATE GALA

Pantages Playhouse Theatre
9:45pm - TICKETS: \$35
THEME: Too Much Information
HOSTS: Shaun Majumder
PERFORMERS: D.L. Demers,
Steve Dylan, Tim Nutt, Ashley
Moffat, Shannon Laverty,
Pete Johansson, Ryan McMahon,
Jordan Webwood

PORTAGE STREET LIVE

The Good Will
10:30pm - TICKETS: \$15
HOST: Paul Rahlbuskas
PERFORMERS: Ryan Ash, Dom
Parré, Rebecca Kohler, Derek
Seguin, Sterling Scott, Shannon
Laverty, Chad Anderson
MUSICIAN: DJ Humicuit

THE NO BRO SHOW 2

Gas Station Arts Centre
10:30pm - TICKETS: \$18
HOST: Tricia Cooper
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WCF RUMOR'S COMEDY CLUB SERIES

Rumor's Comedy Club
10:30pm - TICKETS: \$15
(18+ event - no minors)
HOST: Matt Nightingale
OPENER: Tanyalee Davis
HEADLINER: Ivan Decker

SATURDAY, APRIL 11th

CBC'S THE DEBATERS

Club Regent Event Centre
2pm - TICKETS: \$30
HOST: Steve Patterson
Wes Borg vs. Derek Seguin
Danish Amwar vs. Rebecca Kohler
Tanyalee Davis vs. Darryl Orr
Ivan Decker vs. Pete Johansson
D.L. Demers vs. Tim Nutt
Al Rae vs. Charlie Demers

MANITOBA LIQUOR & LOTTERIES PRESENT

SATURDAY MATINEE GALA

Pantages Playhouse Theatre
4:45pm - TICKETS: \$35
THEME: Quit Your Day Job
HOSTS: Jonny Harris
PERFORMERS: Graham
Chitenden, Bruce Clark, Derek
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Dan Taylor

MANITOBA LIQUOR & LOTTERIES PRESENT

SATURDAY LATE GALA

Pantages Playhouse Theatre
7:45pm - TICKETS: \$35
THEME: The Middle Ages
HOST: Jessica Holmes
PERFORMERS: Erica Sigurdson,
David Pryde, Lori Gibbs, Dom
Parré, Derek Seguin, Shadia Mirza,
Simon Rakoff, Jon Ljungberg

WCF RUMOR'S COMEDY CLUB SERIES

Rumor's Comedy Club
7:45pm - TICKETS: \$17
(18+ event - no minors)
HOST: Ryan Ash
HEADLINER: D.L. Demers

WCF THEATRE SERIES - LEFTOVERS

Starring Charlie Demers
Gas Station Arts Centre
7:30pm - TICKETS: \$18

50 SHADES OF GAY

Park Theatre
8pm - TICKETS: \$15
HOST: Darcy Michael
Act 1: *Boysen Marostica*
with Chantel Marostica
Act 2: *Conquering Our Sinking Ties*
with Hot Thespian Action, Caitlin
Langehe, Ashley Moffat,
Tyra Banks

WCF RUMOR'S COMEDY CLUB SERIES

Rumor's Comedy Club
10pm - TICKETS: \$17
(18+ event - no minors)
HOST: Matt Nightingale
HEADLINER: Steve Dylan

THE ALTERNATIVE SHOW

Park Theatre
10:30pm - TICKETS: \$15
(adult content)
HOST: Mark Forward
PERFORMERS: Darryl Orr, Wes
Borg, Tim Gray, Dan Robertson,
J.D. Bernard, Derek Lengwens,
Sean Emery, Ashley Moffat,
Tyler Penner

SUNDAY, APRIL 12th

CBC'S THE DEBATERS

Club Regent Event Centre
2pm - TICKETS: \$30
HOST: Steve Patterson
Erica Sigurdson vs. John Wing
Big Daddy Tazz vs. Shadia Mirza
Paul Rahlbuskas vs. Bruce Clark
Chantel Marostica & Amber
Daniels vs. Darcy Michael
David Pryde vs. Dean Jenkinson
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Clark, Simon Rakoff, Darcy
Michael & George Westerholm
MUSICIAN: DJ Humicuit



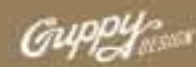
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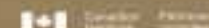
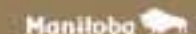
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Uber hopes to make peace

TRANSPORTATION
To grow here, ride-sharing firm must mend fences

The strong-arm tactics that some Canadian cities have been using against virtual ride-hailing company Uber have prompted the organization to try to mend fences with local officials even as it maintains hope for further expansion.

Municipal governments across Canada have launched everything from political salvos to court injunctions against the San Francisco-based tech giant in a bid to keep Uber's fleet of both licensed and unlicensed vehicles off city streets.

While Toronto Mayor John Tory has publicly defended Uber, saying such companies are here to stay, a recent blitz by a lone city police officer saw 11 charges laid against UberX drivers in a single weekend.

Uber's opponents have succeeded occasionally. While the company maintains a presence in Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City and Halifax, it was forced to shut up shop after brief efforts in Vancouver and Calgary.

Uber says there's an effort afoot to cool tensions with the cities it serves before it pursues new locations.

"Uber wants to be everywhere and we are constantly evaluating new opportunities," said Jeff Weshler, Uber Canada's general manager for regional expansion.

Uber has faced varying levels



A man leaves Uber headquarters in San Francisco in a December 2014 photo. The tactics some Canadian cities have been using against Uber have prompted the company to try to be more collaborative with local officials. ERIC RISBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

of resistance in nearly every Canadian city where it has operated, even as it has won plaudits for its innovative business model.

Municipal officials from Vancouver to Halifax have accused the company of operating illegally at best and endangering the lives of passengers at worst.

Chris MacDonald, professor of Business Ethics at Ryerson University, said there's no doubt the model has caught on in the 300 cities worldwide where Uber currently operates.

Uber has set itself apart from

“Ultimately we’re all committed to the same vision of a safe and reliable way for people to get around.”

Jeff Weshler, Uber Canada's General Manager for Regional Expansion

its many competitors as a leader in this field, he said, adding the company is clearly filling a genuine need in the market.

But its practice of antagonizing governments by flouting regulations does not mean the company is blazing a trail to

criticisms that have dogged the company are par for the course for an organization that's trying to revamp a long-established system, adding Uber has no plans to shy away from its opponents.

Weshler said he hopes Uber's relationships with Canadian cities take a more collaborative turn, saying that negotiation is the best way to achieve mutual goals. "Ultimately we're all committed to the same vision of a safe and reliable way for people to get around."

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IN BRIEF

DNA doggy-do tests nail owners who don't scoop

Frustrated with dog owners who refuse to clean up after their pets, an increasing number of apartments in Seattle are opting to use DNA testing to identify the culprits.

The Seattle Times reports that a company called BioPet Vet Lab from Knoxville, Tenn., is providing its PooPrints testing kits to 26 apartment and condo complexes and homeowners associations in the region. Since February 2014, tenants have been paying a "one-time fee of \$29.95 US for DNA testing." Tenants allow their pet's DNA to be collected through swabs so it can be matched to offending poop when the poop is left behind.

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Marijuana trimmers eye careers in pot industry

Washington's marijuana business has created a legal occupation that offers career opportunities for bud trimmers. Bud trimmers make \$12 to \$15 US an hour trimming leaves and other things from marijuana buds. Experienced workers can move up to positions as gardeners or concentrate makers, and earn \$50,000 to \$90,000 a year. Before the legalization of marijuana, bud trimmers migrated from job to job and were paid in cash and risked arrest. Now, they typically make an hourly wage.

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Preschool Mastermind: You can't buy your way into a creative community

There is something both appealing and repulsive about a new preschool in New York.

It's so New Age, so millennial: the (possibly world's first) preschool for adults.

Preschool Mastermind wants to bring the magic back into your thirty-something life. You can pay on a sliding scale of \$333, \$444, \$555, all the way up to \$999, for five classes of fingerpainting, make-believe, Play-Doh, naptime and snack time.

And maybe you want to. Other people are. One video shows a class singing songs and dressing up.

You know, like we used to. Before we grew up.

Maybe this preschool is the "worst, saddest thing," and "makes you lose faith in humanity," as one friend told me.

My gut reaction was to call the preschool an extreme example of my generation's petulant refusal to grow the hell up. Why else would people pay hundreds of dollars to go to Miss Joni's Brooklyn house and pretend like the last 25 years never happened?

But I actually agree with at least one thing that some of those adult preschoolers have told media: The world can seem a rather oppressively serious place.

Creativity is often valued for its products, not for itself. I can't be the only one who

feels like productivity is the sole sign of a good day. And that's sad.

At Miss Joni's, you "inject play, wonder, self-belief, and community" into your "grown-up" life, the website says.

"People come here and get in touch with their inner child. It's magical," Miss Joni has told media.

I get the need for more magic. It reminds me of the old margarine commercial with the Young at Heart song, which even as a child, I understood to be true. No one is too old to fingerpaint.

But paying someone with half a degree in early childhood education to take you back to preschool is surely one of the most self-indulgent, narcissistic ways to seek magic in the world.

You can't buy your way into a creative community, as this class pretends. You have to seek it with other people, in your actual life.

And if cultivating that child-like view is what you're after, the answer isn't to try and regress to your own childhood. The answer is to go spend some time with actual children. Our cities are full of kids' charities that could no doubt use the help.

Isolating yourself in that farce of preschool is actually an affront to the magic that waits for you every morning. Go out in the world. Because you can't go back in time.

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Michael Hancharyk's Metro

Michael Hancharyk was caught reading Metro Winnipeg in Osborne Village.

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Damaged kids further hurt by chaos in the legislature

INSIDE THE PERIMETER

Shannon VanRaes



What happens when a provincial government descends into a months-long power struggle? Not too much, apparently.

Last November, Manitoba's NDP government promised to end the practice of placing Child and Family Services wards in hotels. The move followed the tragic and yet unsolved murder of 15-year-old Tina Fontaine whose body was recovered last August from the Red River.

But months later, children still remain warehoused in downtown hotels. The result? Last week a 15-year-old girl in CFS care was brutally assaulted — both physically and sexually — allegedly by a boy of the same age, also in CFS care. Both were staying at the Best Western Charter House Hotel, the same hotel Fontaine was residing at before her murder.

Somehow, over the past eight months, nothing has changed — at least, not for CFS kids.

That's not to say the government and its executive council weren't busy over those months — making internal changes, protecting interests, building empires, writing oaths — they just weren't focused on children in care. About the same time that overtures were made in the hope of ensuring no child ended up in a hotel, five cabinet ministers were also revolting, resulting in a leadership race and turmoil. It seems people were more concerned with PST and power, than with the fate of vulnerable youth.

Despite repeated reassurance by officials and politicians that it was business as usual at the legislature, clearly, it was not. NDP insiders say that by late December and early January, staff that had aligned themselves unwisely, or had urged the premier to

resign, were already being constructively dismissed — through permanent vacation or distant assignments.

To make matters more complicated, sources say that some cabinet ministers banned the staff of other cabinet ministers from their offices, as a result of widening rifts, suspicion and outright bitterness.

You don't have to be a human resources expert to know that's not the kind of environment where a lot of work gets accomplished. No doubt many other initiatives were put on hold, or fell through the cracks during that same period, but nothing points out incompetency as starkly as grievous harm to a vulnerable person in the care of the state.

It was only another tragedy, one in a long list of tragedies, that seemed to remind the government that there are children in this province living in hotels. And so like Gord Mackintosh before her, current Child and Family Services

Kerri Irving-Ross has promised to end the use of hotels for kids in CFS care.

I'm not optimistic about the results. While the NDP might have inherited the problem from the previous Progressive Conservative government, it's had a decade and a half to get kids out of hotels and into homes. It hasn't happened. Nor has the NDP invested in the innovative policies needed to address root causes of family breakdown, or investigated why Manitoba has such high rates of youth who flee CFS care.

Real change must happen, but it will take resources, drive, accountability and innovation. And in the case of the NDP, it might be a good idea to increase supervision, too.

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The best dollar-store gadgets

Just because you're tight on cash doesn't mean you can't afford some great gadgets. Your local dollar store has a tech section, believe it or not, and you'll be pleasantly surprised at what you can buy with loose change. The following are a few bargains found at Dollarama, Dollar Tree, Family Dollar and 99¢ Depot.

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BRIGHT IDEA

Folding Booklight

Tablets benefit from a backlit screen, but this isn't the case with most ebook readers and, of course, paper books. Don't bother your partner in bed with a night-table lamp when you can pick up the Circuit Electronics LED Folding Booklight for just \$1. Clamp the reading light onto your ebook reader or book, press the open button along the side and a retractable arm, with bright LED light, slowly extends to its full height. Three small watch batteries are required, but included.



PURSE PALS

Rechargeable Audio Speaker

It's rewarding enough to find a \$2 speaker for your favourite music player, smartphone or tablet — but the aptly named Hype Audio Rechargeable Compact Speaker cleverly doubles as a small mirror to apply makeup. While not wireless, it includes a custom two-foot cable that plugs into the music source (via a 3.5-millimetre mini jack), plus it has an integrated USB connector to power up the rechargeable speaker.



SOUND ADVICE

Stereo Earbuds

Commuters don't need to spend upwards of \$300 on a pair of Bose- or Beats-branded earbuds. Instead, the Electra Stereo Earbuds with Microphone, for a mere \$2.50, sound better than you might think — plus they block out ambient noise. Along with a microphone on the cable for taking calls — and a three-button remote for volume, pausing and skipping between tracks — the cord of these stereo earbuds has a "flat-wire" style, which looks nicer and doesn't knot up as easily.



REMOTE POSSIBILITIES

4-in-1 Remote

Look down at your coffee table. If you have more remotes than family members, you have a problem. Clear the clutter on the cheap with the \$2 RCA 4-in-1 Remote, which lets you control up to four home theatre components — such as a television, cable box, DVD player, and more. The wireless remote is easy to program and offers backlit buttons, volume and media control (e.g. Play, Pause, Forward and Back).



POWER PLAY

USB Car Socket Charger

Keep multiple devices juiced up in your vehicle with the Tech-1 Universal USB Car Socket Charger (\$3). As the name suggests, this power socket plugs into your car's 12-volt port (a.k.a. cigarette lighter) and not only charges up three devices at the same time — two 12V gadgets and one USB-based one — but it's also on a two-foot extension cord.

When saving, you've got to stick to your guns

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
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One of the things I'm most proud of when it comes to my TV shows is the fact that folks are more comfortable talking about their money. While I've always been open about money — my money and money in general — other people have been really resistant to sharing their financial stories. That's changed. The brave families I've worked with on TV have

helped people see that talking about money is one of the first steps to making change stick.

But we're still not open books. Perhaps it's because we think our money, and the stuff we buy with it, says something about who we are. We're happy to play the guessing game that comes with wearing brand names and living large so people are convinced we're doing great. If we all wore flashing signs on our backs declaring our debt, would we still be so smug showing off our new and shiny?

Determined to change how you deal with your money? Step 1 is to lay a plan for what you'll do differently. Step 2 is way harder: Time to 'fess up to friends and family about what's been going wrong and how you're going to fix it.

Maybe you can't go out to eat a couple of times a week if you're determined to save a down payment.

Maybe not knowing what you're spending on entertainment isn't getting you any closer to being ready for a new baby.

Maybe those new clothes, new movies, new tchotchkes for the house aren't actually making you happy.

Deciding what you're going to focus on, taking charge of your money and doing the detail will produce a happier outcome than just doing what you've always done.

You're not the only one that's going to have to get used to your new priorities. If you've always been the go-to girl for partying or if you've been the guy who buys a round for the table, that's

going to change. And you need to tell people what's changing if you want to have any hope of sticking with a new program.

I'm all for getting together with friends for a lovely meal in a wonderful restaurant. Or maybe you just want to treat the kids to fish and chips, pizza or chicken nuggets and fries on a Friday night. Hey, it's your money and you get to do whatever you want with it. But if your new plan severely restricts your eating out, you're going to have to tell your peeps.

If you have friends who are unwilling to accept your new priorities, you'll have to manage those friendships so that you're not tempted to swap your good intentions for good feelings. You won't be successful at breaking a shopping habit if you're always hanging out with the chick or dude who loves to shop. Find something else to do together. See a movie, take up an activity you can share, start a project you're both interested in.

Don't hide your decision to become smart with your money.

IN BRIEF

George RR Martin releases chapter from new book

Yes, George RR Martin really is working on that next book. The Game of Thrones author released a chapter last week from his long-awaited sixth volume of the Song of Fire and Ice fantasy series, The Winds of Winter. The chapter appears on Martin's website and is told from the perspective of Sansa Stark, living under the name Alayne Stone. She is played on the HBO adaptation by Sophie Turner (pictured).

Martin has already cut back on personal appearances and decided against writing for the sixth season so he can concentrate on The Winds of Winter.

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A scene best enjoyed at home

URBAN ETIQUETTE

Repeat after me: Too sexy for his shirt? Too sexy for public transit

Ellen Vanstone



Dear Ellen, This morning's subway commute was standing-room only. A guy near me was sitting next to a child and watching something very fleshy on his iPad. I am sure it wasn't porn, maybe Game of Thrones or Looking. I know people like to binge watch, but is the subway the place to catch up on shows like these? Amber in Toronto

Dear Amber, Judging by your first name — a major porn-star moniker since the '80s and still the fourth most popular according to the Interactive Adult



Seeing Game Of Thrones hunk Michiel Huisman stripping off was a highlight of last season.

CONTRIBUTED

Film Database — I'm going to assume you know where of you speak when it comes to what constitutes onscreen erotica. In fact, if I may be so presumptuous, the idea of an old porn star watching new porn stars over the shoulder of porn-consuming commuters is downright charming — the kind of flagrantly tawdry

spectacle that makes your city truly world-class, if not classy.

But is such inadvertently shared content suitable for children? No, Amber, it is unequivocally not. If we want our kids to learn the ins and outs of sexual practices in all their anatomical, permissive permutations, surely the little wretches can get it at school

— in Ontario, for example, Premier Kathleen Wynne's new sex education curriculum will provide no end of fodder for their developing imaginations. They hardly need more of this content on the way to or from their tax-funded sex lessons in the classroom.

What's more, there's the question of overload. With

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• Game of Thrones returns to HBO Canada on Sunday, April 12, at 9 p.m. ET.

sex scenes, public nudity and crass innuendo shoved down our throats at every turn, it's increasingly hard to make the real thing alluringly mysterious — not to mention dirty, which is an essential component of a satisfying sex life according to experts (well, according to Woody Allen who stipulated that sex is only dirty "if you're doing it right," though perhaps he's not the ideal role model to quote in this context).

The point is, nobody, of any age, needs to be subjected to "fleshy fare" on our transit systems.

Finally, I hope we don't need to add that indulging on public transit in the activity that usually accompanies porn-watching would breach every rule of etiquette known to personkind.

Need advice? Email Ellen at life@metronews.ca

FINAL SEASON

Canadian writer says goodbye to iconic drama Mad Men



Jon Hamm CONTRIBUTED

Mad Men creator Matthew Weiner has long known how he wanted to wrap up his iconic AMC drama.

Nevertheless, actually nailing down that plan was not easy, says Calgary-raised writer Semi Chellas. "He really knew where he wanted to go and where he was leading us. And so that helped us get there. But it was very difficult," Chellas says in an interview from Los Angeles.

How are you feeling?

I've always felt spectacularly lucky to have ended up on what was by far my favourite show of all time, because I came on for Season 5 and I was a crazed fan ... and now I feel really lucky because it's been six months since we finished, more — we finished last July — and I drive around and I see the billboards and it feels like a dream that I was part of it.

And the ending is satisfying for you?

Very satisfying for me. I was

running the writers' room for these last few (episodes) and so it was a change, because the same people had been in the room for all six seasons previously and then they left to pursue pilots of their own ... Also being from Canada, I had done lots of six- and seven-episode series — it's so much more common in Canada and I really loved that, I love that length.

How much influence did you have over the ending?

Even though it was sort of headed toward a moment, there were a million paths there and there were a million nuances and we had to finish all the different threads of the story. Everyone made a lot of contributions, and there was a lot of arguing, as you can imagine.

What do you miss most about the show?

I really, really miss the writers in the room. ... the amazing wisdom and the different ex-

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periences, the different voices that were collecting in the Mad Men writers' room, were so mind-blowing.

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KELLY CLARKSON

Anchor in deep ish over deep-dish dis

In one of the most elegant cities on Earth, France's Parliament moved last week to make it a crime to use anorexic models or encourage anorexia.

In the U.S., however, some still think it's OK to fat-shame women on national television. Yet another TV "personality" has decided to make an unsolicited comment on Kelly Clarkson's weight.

We realize a lot of stuff that comes out of Fox News is cynically designed to get reactions, like this one, but still. Chris Wallace decided to weigh in on the virtues and drawbacks of the singer — for some reason

— offering, "Kelly Clarkson's got a lovely voice. She could stay off the deep-dish pizza for a while." Which is downright un-American, if you ask me.

Heck, Wallace even has his own turning against him, as Fox colleague Greta Van Susteren was so incensed she had to blog about it:

"This 'guy snickering' about her weight is obnoxious," she wrote. "He should apologize."

In the meantime, I suddenly really, really want some deep-dish pizza.

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HOLLYWOOD



TEEN ACTRESS

Bella Thorne says her sexiness is 'your problem'

Teen actress Bella Thorne isn't too worried about people finding her attractive even if she isn't actually a legal adult yet.

"People tell me I'm sexy and I'm like, 'Dawg, I'm just being me. If you find me sexy, that's your problem because you're looking at me like that,'" the

17-year-old tells Fox News. "I'm not trying to portray anything else than just me."

So ... you're the creep, OK?

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I'm not trying to portray anything else than just me.

Bella Thorne

BOX OFFICE

Furious 7 races past expectations with \$143.6M opening weekend

The high-octane Furious 7 peeled out of the gates in its opening weekend, picking up a stunning US\$143.6 million from 4,004 locations to easily top the domestic box office, according to Rentrak estimates Sunday.

The expectation-shattering sum is a studio and franchise best for the homegrown car-

obsessed series, which has continued to grow over the past few films.

Furious 7 also unseats previous April record-holder Captain America: The Winter Soldier, which opened to US\$95 million on the same

weekend last year. The mega-opening for Furious 7 was also at least partially tied to audience interest in star Paul Walker, who died in a car crash in November 2013 before the film was completed.

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9th

Furious 7 is the ninth-biggest U.S. theatrical opening of all time.

Unclassy spoiler could ruin Lifetime fun for all



A Lifetime spokesman says the network is deciding what to do with its Will Ferrell and Kristen Wiig movie, *A Deadly Adoption*, after the project was leaked. GETTY IMAGES

DRAMA!

TV movie with Will Ferrell and Kristen Wiig now in limbo

The fate of what could be the best Lifetime TV movie ever, featuring Will Ferrell and Kristen Wiig, is unclear after the project's planned secrecy was spoiled.

The former Saturday Night Live stars made the ominously titled *A Deadly Adoption*, playing a couple who befriend a pregnant woman in hopes of adopting her child. Lifetime's movies, frequently melodramas about life and love that appeal to the network's primarily fe-

male audience, are a genre onto themselves and often ripe for parody.

"We are disappointed that our secret project with Will and Kristen was leaked and the network is determining the fate of the movie," said Michael Feeney, spokesman for Lifetime's corporate parent, A&E Networks, on Friday.

A spokesman for the actors' talent agency had no immediate comment on Lifetime's plans.

After word of the project got out, Ferrell issued a statement that he and Wiig had decided it was "in the best interest for everyone to forego the project entirely." Lifetime had said the movie was due to air this summer.

Ferrell's statement may be an empty threat: Stars generally don't have the ability to kill an filmed project, except in the unusual circumstance where they fully financed the

+ WHAT A WASTE

Time spent

If Ferrell and Wiig legitimately want to shelve *A Deadly Adoption*, it means months spent writing the screenplay, acting the scenes and editing the movie would go to waste.

production, said Jonathan Handel, an entertainment attorney for the Hollywood firm TroyGould. Even then, they could face a breach of contract lawsuit if the film had already been leased to a television network.

In most cases, television movies are financed jointly by a production company and the network itself, Handel said.

It has been a tumultuous professional week for Ferrell, whose *Get Hard* movie with

Kevin Hart is currently in theatres. On Tuesday, Ferrell's agent Jason Heyman was part of a high-profile group of agents who defected from the Creative Artists Agency to another group, the United Talent Agency. Ferrell stuck with Heyman, switching his representation to UTA. A day later, the Hollywood Reporter wrote an anonymously sourced story about the Lifetime movie, *A Deadly Adoption*, previously a closely guarded secret.

It's not known how long Lifetime and the stars planned to keep the secret. Typically, a cable network that lands two big Hollywood stars for a project gives potential viewers at least some advanced warning that it is coming. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DATING

Rumour: Strahan sweet on Cookie

If you had any doubts that Empire star Taraji P. Henson had truly arrived, this should quash them. Cookie Lyon herself is now the subject of tabloid dating rumours — specifically about the amorous advances she's been fielding from Michael Strahan.

It all started when Henson stopped by Live with Kelly and Michael for a chat, according to Star magazine.

"Michael flirted openly with Taraji on camera, but he wasn't kidding. Off camera, he kept asking her, 'When can I take you out?'" a source says.

"Taraji initially brushed off his advances, but Mike told her that he was serious. The two ended up having an intimate dinner that night at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel ... and they have more dates on the books." Well, all right, then.

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Canada regains medal mojo

CURLING
Simmons rink back to usual form to claim world bronze

Canada lead Nolan Thiessen remembers how it felt to make the long journey home from last year's world men's curling championship after missing the podium.

He didn't want a repeat performance this year. Skip Pat Simmons and the rest of the Canadian team made sure they got some hardware this time around.

Canada bounced back from an ugly semifinal loss to beat Finland's Aku Kauste 8-4 in the bronze-medal game Sunday morning in Halifax.

"We wanted to be playing (for gold) this afternoon," Thiessen said. "So it still stings from last night. But you don't want to go home empty-handed. Last year, we stood out there at the closing ceremonies

while everybody else walked up on the podium.



Team Canada skip Pat Simmons, right, and third John Morris discuss a shot in the world men's curling championship bronze-medal game against Finland on Sunday in Halifax. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

That's the biggest kick in the head there is.

"We found a way and we medalled and we can be proud of that."

The Canadians posted a 10-1 round-robin record before falling to 2014 champion Thomas Ulsrud of Norway in the Page playoff 1-2 game on Friday. They followed that defeat with their

worst showing of the tournament in a loss to Sweden's Niklas Edin on Saturday night.

Edin went on to defeat Ulsrud 9-5 in the gold-medal game Sunday afternoon for his second world title in three years. The Swedish rink had a mediocre start to the tournament but finished strong.

"We focused on our game

strategy, opening up the ice, and we picked it up so that we could make the playoffs," Edin said.

Simmons, meanwhile, showed his form had returned in the first end against Finland by nailing a draw to the four-foot for a single. He also delivered a nice hit and roll in the second end to set up a steal and Canada was on its way.

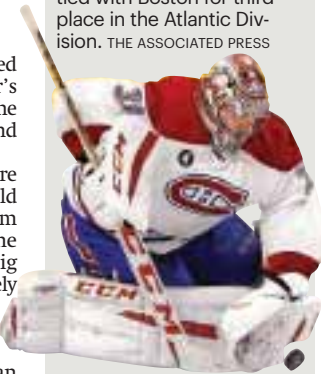
"Nice to play like we had all week again," Simmons said. "We lost this game a year ago and that really didn't feel good. So we wanted to pull together and fight hard today."

Simmons, Thiessen and

second Carter Rycroft teamed with Kevin Koe at last year's event in Beijing. They made the playoffs but fell to Switzerland in the third-place game.

Koe had told the team before the competition that he would be moving on with a new team at the end of the season. The fourth-place result was a big disappointment but not entirely unexpected.

"It was the worst flight (home) ever," Thiessen recalled. "I mean it was like an 18-hour flight of hell. But this year we came out and we found a way." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Carey Price got win No. 42 on Sunday THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Spotlight will shine on Martin all season long



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Russell Martin. Period. Paragraph. End of story.

But wait: the journey has not even begun.

The story of the Toronto Blue Jays this season is now and will be all year long Russell Martin.

The Toronto-born, Montreal-raised catcher signed a five-year, \$82-million US contract in the off-season and the 2015 fortunes of the Blue Jays are attached squarely to his 32-year-old hips.

Without playing a single game that counts for the playoff-starved Blue Jays, he is already the best catcher in the team's 38-year history.

That first game takes place today in New York, of all places, as the Blue Jays open against the Yankees on the second day of the 2015 Major League Baseball season.

Martin, who played the past two seasons in Pittsburgh and was once a Yankee and a Dodger, believes the Blue Jays will end their 22-year-playoff drought in 2015.

"I think the city of Toronto deserves it. I think Canada deserves it," Martin stated proudly in a weekend TV interview in Montreal, where the Blue Jays played their final two pre-season games.

Yes, the bilingual, charming Martin is exactly what the organization needs, a player who can carry the team on his back.

He can hit, he can field, he can catch, he can throw, he can lead. He has been in the



Before he has played a single game that counts for the Toronto Blue Jays, Russell Martin could already be the best catcher in the team's 38-year history. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

playoffs seven times in the past nine seasons.

His smile is infectious, his words meaningful.

"It's starting to feel like a family here," Martin said only hours after watching his family idol, his father Russell Sr., play the U.S. and

Canadian national anthems on his saxophone at Olympic Stadium.

Martin admitted in the same interview that one of the major reasons he signed with Toronto was the fact his father could watch him play 81 regular-season games in

the Rogers Centre.

"Hopefully, he'll get to see some games in October as well," Martin said, making a not-so-subtle reference to the World Series.

And that, Toronto, is where and when the story will end.

+ TRIVIA

5 things you need to know about Russell Martin:

1. His full name is Russell Nathan Jeanson Coltrane Martin Jr. Jeanson is his mother's maiden name; Coltrane is John Coltrane, the U.S. jazz saxophonist.

2. He changed the name printed on his jersey for the 2009 season to J. Martin, in honour of his mother.

3. His father played the sax in the Montreal subway stations to raise money for his son's baseball "education."

4. Martin's contract is the second-biggest contract ever for the Blue Jays, trailing only the seven-year, \$126-million deal given to outfielder Vernon Wells following the 2006 season.

5. With the two weekend games in Montreal, he took the subway and then walked to the park, rather than riding the team bus.



Russell Martin Sr.
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PGA

Scott reverts to long putter

Adam Scott showed up at Augusta National on Sunday with a familiar friend — his long putter.

Scott said the Masters is too important for him to keep experimenting with the short putter that he used during the Florida swing with mixed results. The anchored stroke used for the long putter will be outlawed starting in 2016, and the Australian appeared to be getting an early start in making the change.

But just not for this week. And probably not in June, July or August for the other majors.

"It just seemed like the sensible thing to do," Scott said. "I'm not here to just see what happens. I'm here to get the job done, and the odds are more in my favour of doing that with the longer putter considering I've used it the last four years."

Scott tied for fourth on the fast greens of Doral. He then missed a series of short putts at Innisbrook and missed the cut for the first time in nearly three years on the PGA Tour. His putting was suspect a week later at Bay Hill when a good start turned into a tie for 35th.



It's a process. I've got time up my sleeve to change.

Adam Scott

Going back to the long putter was hardly a problem, and Scott smiled when asked if it was similar to going back to an old girlfriend.

"Depends on the girlfriend," said Scott, who got married right after the Masters last year. He didn't start playing this year until his wife gave birth to their first child in February.

His putts — two of them actually — are part of the lore at Masters. Scott made a 20-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole in 2013 that ultimately got him into a playoff with Angel Cabrera. He then sank a 12-foot birdie putt on the second extra hole to become the first Australian in a green jacket.

He went to No. 1 in the world a year later.

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NBA

George's return sparks Pacers to win

Paul George's season debut provided a needed boost Sunday as the Pacers put themselves back in the playoff contention with a 112-89 rout over Miami.

George finished with 13 points in his first action since breaking his right leg Aug. 1.

Luis Scola scored a season-high 23 points to lead Indiana (34-43). The Pacers moved into a tie with Miami (34-43) for the No. 9 spot in the East. Both teams trail Boston by one game for the conference's eighth and

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George scored 13 points on 5-for-12 shooting in nearly 15 minutes of action.

final playoff spot.

Miami was led by Dwyane Wade with 27 points but lost its fourth in a row.

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IN BRIEF

Harden ignites Rockets in win over Thunder

James Harden scored 41 points, and the Houston Rockets overcame Russell Westbrook's triple-double to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 115-112 on Sunday.

Harden and Westbrook, the league's top two scorers, both entered the game averaging 27.5 points. Harden made 12 of 22 shots and was 6-for-9 in three-pointers. Westbrook finished with 40 points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Duke, Wisconsin final teams standing

Duke languished in the shadows of Kentucky all season, the big blue juggernaut that nobody seemed to be talking about. It was a rarity for a program with such a championship pedigree, not to mention a record-setting coach and superstar freshmen.

They can thank Wisconsin for finally returning to the limelight.

The fun-loving Badgers ended the Wildcats' pursuit of perfection in the national semifinals, and set up an intriguing showdown in Monday night's title

game: Duke trying to give Mike Krzyzewski his fifth national championship, Wisconsin trying to capture its first in 74 years.

The Blue Devils (34-4) have run roughshod through the NCAA Tournament, allowing just 55 points per game.

Meanwhile, Wisconsin (36-3) becomes just the fourth team to have faced the highest possible seed in every game on the way to the championship since the field expanded to 64 in 1985.

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2. Meanwhile puree parsley, feta, garlic, pepper, oil and water in a small food processor until smooth. Add more water if too thick.

3. Pour over top gnocchi and garnish with toasted almonds.

Ingredients

- 350 gm potato gnocchi – (about 1 ½ cup uncooked)
- ¼ cup flat leaf parsley leaves
- 1/3 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 small garlic clove
- Dash of coarse black pepper
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp water
- ¼ cup sliced toasted almonds

Nutrition per serving

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- Fat 15.5g
- Saturated Fat 2.7g
- Cholesterol 3.3mg
- Sodium 554mg

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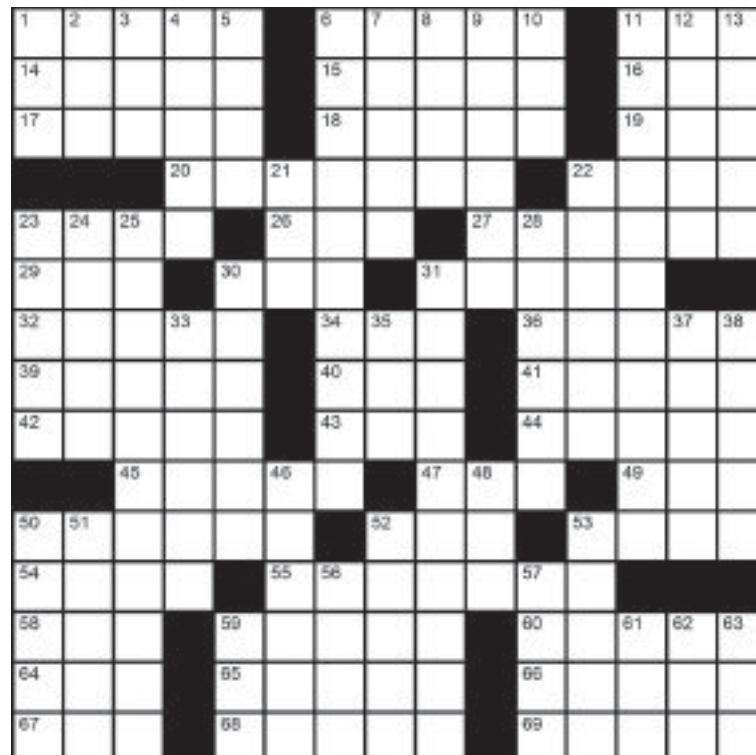
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- Prefix relating to 'Bones'
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- Cleaning cloth
- "My guess would be...": 2 wds.
- Sea swallows
- Ms. Gabor
- "Jesus Christ Superstar" (1973) character, __ Pilate
- Modify
- Thompson Twins tune
- Long time
- Flowery
- Wood sorrel
- Triumphed
- Easter basket's fake fluff
- Seed's outer layer of protection
- Spiritual 'way'
- Badlands formation
- Ballet outfits
- Year: Spanish
- Grizzlies
- Classical Music: Canadian __ Company
- Polit. designation
- Manner of speaking
- Aussie actress Ms. Wilson
- "__ chance!"
- Pathway [abbr.]
- Reveal, as a portrait painting



- __ Lanka
- Discounted
- Wreck
- Spiny ant-eating mammal that looks like a hedgehog
- Beatles: "___ Follow the Sun"
- Egg-shaped
- Make amends

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- Days opp.
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- Retro toy
- "Here Comes Peter __" (TV special of 1971)

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- Clock's li'l time segments
- Judy Garland's

- co-star in "Easter Parade" (1948): 2 wds.
- Lifeboat lowering crane
- Quartz variety
- Paleo opposite
- Happened as a result
- Game of chance for a chance to win millions
- Get frosty: 2 wds.
- Community in Manitoba that #6-Down would like!
- __ Lake (Saskatchewan village northwest of Saskatoon)
- Sushi condiment
- Pre-Egg Hunt day holiday: 2 wds.
- Stew dish
- Ms. Jillian
- Horse speeds
- Namesakes of Carlisle Cullen's wife in 'Twilight' movies
- Onze: English
- Assistance
- British band, __ Heap
- Void, in Venice
- Avoid duties
- Gate fastener
- Corny places
- Depilatory brand
- Lyric poem
- "Well, now!"
- Assenting sign
- Earlier than now, in verse

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Aries March 21 - April 20
Your confidence is at an all-time high. Your capabilities may be immense but make sure you focus on aims that are worth investing your time and energy in.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
The less others know about your aims and ambitions this week the better, especially if you are working towards a goal that is likely to make others jealous if you succeed – and you will.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Take the initiative in group and social activities over the next 24 hours. Not only will you be immensely popular but you will also meet people who transform your outlook on life.

Cancer June 22 - July 23

If you want to impress employers and other important people then now is the time. Don't hide yourself away: show them – and the world in general – what you are capable of.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
With the Sun and Uranus very much on your side there is nothing you cannot do and nothing you cannot possess. But try not to be too domineering or you could make an enemy of someone that would make a more sensible friend.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Look in the mirror and be honest about what you see. If you can do that today then you will put yourself at an advantage when dealing with people who are not so honest about their own faults and failings.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't do what other people expect you to do – do what appeals to you, for whatever reason. If you let partners and colleagues dictate terms they will, and you can be sure they won't be as favourable.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The planets warn you are working too hard and need to change your attitude to your chores, duties and responsibilities. The fact is you will be no good to anyone if you work yourself into the ground. Lighten up.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Start something new and don't worry too much about planning ahead. Today's cosmic influences urge you to think and act as if you cannot possibly fail – and you won't.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will have to deal with some annoying people today but getting angry won't make things any easier. Yes, of course, it's a pain when others act slowly or stupidly but not everyone can be as switched on as you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are in one of your generous moods at the moment, but make sure it is only those who deserve your largesse who get it. Hangers-on will happily enjoy themselves at your expense.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You don't have to ask permission to make the changes you need but you do have to accept that not everyone will be happy with them.

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